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Ikuo TAKAHASHI et al.

Group Art Unit: **1711**

Application Number: **10/698,934**

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For: **AN ALIPHATIC POLYESTER COMPOSITION, A MOLDED
ARTICLE THEREOF AND A METHOD FOR CONTROLLING
BIODEGRADATION RATE USING THE SAME COMPOSITION**

Attorney Docket Number: **032044**

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REQUEST FOR ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF PRIORITY DOCUMENT

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Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

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Sir:

Applicant respectfully requests that the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office acknowledge receipt of the priority document for the above-identified application.

The priority document was filed on June 23, 2006. A copy of the transmittal letter to the Patent Office, which states that the priority document was filed, and a copy of the cover of the priority document are attached hereto.

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Respectfully submitted,

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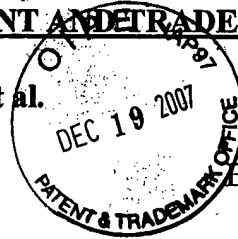
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Sir:

The benefit of the filing date of the following prior foreign application is hereby requested for the above-identified application, and the priority provided in 35 U.S.C. 119 is hereby claimed:

Japanese Patent Application No. 2002-325201, filed on November 8, 2002.

In support of this claim, the requisite certified copy of the original foreign application is filed herewith. Applicants request that the file of this application be marked to indicate that the applicants have complied with the requirements of 35 U.S.C. §119 and that the Patent Office kindly acknowledges receipt of said certified copy.

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